

# Distinguished Members of the US Army Chemical Corps

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Four new names were added to the roster of outstanding individuals serving with the Chemical Corps. The award of the title of *Distinguished Member of the Chemical Corps* means that these individuals have given a lifetime of service to the Corps and continue to provide support to implement the vision of the Chief of Chemical to move the Corps into the future. These Distinguished Members of the Corps (DMCs) deserve recognition for electing to serve their country and regiment in this fashion. The following individuals were inducted into the 2005 DMC during the Green Dragon Ball held at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, in June 2005: Colonel Richard Weiner (Retired), Colonel Richard Smith (Retired), Colonel Richard Jackson (Retired), and Command Sergeant Major Billy Lewis, Jr. (Retired). The Chief of Chemical, Brigadier General Stanley H. Lillie, presented each inductee with a certificate.



## Colonel Richard Weiner (Retired)

Colonel Richard Weiner has served the Chemical Corps for more than thirty years. Colonel Weiner assisted with the transition of the US Army Chemical School from Edgewood, Maryland, to Fort McClellan, Alabama. As Chief of the Radiological Training Division, he assisted in the design and construction of radiological laboratories and the redesign of the Officer Basic Course.

Colonel Weiner served as the Force Integration Officer for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans. He was responsible for completing the requirements analysis for the M40 protective mask, fielding the chemical-agent monitor and M8A1 alarm, and obtaining approval for the Fox vehicle. He also served as the project officer for Operation Rock Ready.

During Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Colonel Weiner served as the Chief of Chemical Assignments, where he met the challenge of balancing the requirements with the extreme shortage of officers. As Director of Training at the US Army Chemical School, he orchestrated training at Fort McClellan and planned the move from Fort McClellan to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. As Commander of the US Army Environmental Center, Colonel Weiner began a program to interface with the Army acquisition community to integrate environmental concerns for pollution prevention, operational impact, and disposal.

Colonel Weiner continues to act as an asset to the chemical community in his civilian status, serving as the primary contact for the Chemical School Strategic Plan after the school settled at Fort Leonard Wood. He continues to support the Pentagon Force Protection Agency, providing technical and operational support. In his position with the Battelle Corporation, he leads the Gallant Fox exercises, incorporating all aspects of weapons of mass destruction into a series of exercises at the Pentagon and surrounding areas. Colonel Weiner is an example of the positive impact retired Dragon Soldiers can make in their communities and the Corps. His contributions to training, research, and environmental concerns deem him worthy of selection as a Distinguished Member of the Corps.



## Colonel Richard Jackson (Retired)

Colonel Richard Jackson's distinguished career spanned over three decades. He activated and commanded the first chemical company in a division in Germany during the late 1970s. Colonel Jackson applied lessons learned and his field experience to facilitate major changes to Army doctrine for decontamination operations.

Colonel Jackson performed an operational analysis that provided the justification for the Fox Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance System. As a major, he briefed the analysis to the Under Secretary of the Army and the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army to

obtain approval for the Army's first modern Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Reconnaissance System.

As the Commander of A Company, 84th Chemical Battalion, Colonel Jackson made major changes to the Chemical Officer Basic Course program of instruction. In Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Colonel Jackson served as division chemical officer for the 82d Airborne Division. He was responsible for the nuclear, biological, and chemical defense of 14,000 Soldiers. He also supervised the operational control of the 21st Chemical Company (Airborne) and an attached Fox platoon during an 8 1/2-month deployment to Saudi Arabia and Iraq.

While serving as Commander of the Blue Grass Army Depot, Colonel Jackson made major improvements in the safety and security of chemical weapons stored at the depot and greatly improved community relations on chemical demilitarization issues.

Colonel Jackson authored *Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Defense in the 21st Century*, published by the Center for Strategic Leadership, US Army War College. This publication outlined operational concepts for NBC defense in the 21st century that reflected the lessons learned from Operation Desert Storm and the opportunities presented by advances in information technology. The book was used as a reference document for combat developers for many years.

Currently, the program manager at LMI Corporation, Colonel Jackson embodies the quality and dedication to which all Dragon Soldiers should aspire. His varied commands demonstrated leadership, ingenuity, and dedication to the Chemical Corps. It is fitting that we should honor Colonel Jackson for his service to the Corps by his inclusion as a Distinguished Member of the Corps.



**Command Sergeant Major Billy Lewis, Jr. (Retired)**

Command Sergeant Major Billy Lewis retired from the Army after thirty years of selfless service to the Chemical Corps. While most of the work Command Sergeant Major Lewis performed during his military career was of a sensitive nature and cannot be discussed, his first priority has always been to act in the best interest of Dragon Soldiers.

A key assignment for Command Sergeant Major Lewis was the battalion command sergeant major for the

US Army Technical Escort Unit at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. During this assignment, Command Sergeant Major Lewis was the noncommissioned officer in charge for the Spring Valley remediation and cleanup, where he demonstrated his ability to work with local communities to foster goodwill and understanding. Some of his other major duty stations included the division chemical sergeant major for the 25th Infantry Division; sergeant major for the XVIII Airborne Corps; chemical operations noncommissioned officer in charge at Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and the brigade nuclear, biological, and chemical noncommissioned officer in Korea.

Command Sergeant Major Lewis epitomizes the standards by which all others should be measured, in his military service and in his civilian life. His intense dedication and devotion to the Chemical Corps are invaluable for moving the Chemical Corps forward. Command Sergeant Major Lewis promotes membership in the Chemical Corps Regimental Association and leads by the example shown in his lifetime membership. He is also a member of the Retired Enlisted Member Association, the 82d Airborne Association, the Noncommissioned Officer Association, and the Association of the United States Army.

Command Sergeant Major Lewis currently works for the Pentagon Force Protection Agency as the acting chief of the Hazardous Material Response Division. His commitment and dedication to the Chemical Corps and the US Army exemplify the spirit of the Dragon Soldier. His support and devotion to the integrity of the Corps make him a worthy candidate for induction as a Distinguished Member of the Corps.



**Colonel Richard Smith (Retired)**

Colonel Richard Smith's contribution to the Corps has spanned over forty years, both in and out of uniform. He commanded the 636th Ordnance Company (EOD), with the responsibility for the safe and secure storage of chemical weapons for US Army, Europe, during the Cold War era. As Commander of the US Army Technical Escort Unit, Colonel Smith supervised the secure movement of chemical surety material and conducted emergency-response missions for chemical accidents in the United States and at military bases worldwide.

Colonel Smith participated in Operation Rocky Mountain Transfer—the first mission in the United States where nerve-gas bombs were flown over a major metropolitan area. During this operation, approximately 900 bombs were safely moved by air from Colorado to Dugway Proving Ground, Utah, and then transported by three ground convoys to Tooele Army Depot. Operation Rocky Mountain Transfer was completed on time and without incident.

As Commander of Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Colonel Smith was responsible for implementing the Chemical Agent Identification Program. The program was so successful that almost 20,000 potentially hazardous munitions sets were located and destroyed. His actions as the Rocky Mountain Arsenal commander helped to reduce, by millions of dollars, the total amount that the Army may have to spend to clean up Rocky Mountain Arsenal and contain the spread of pollutants on the arsenal.

While commanding Pine Bluff Arsenal, Colonel Smith was directly accountable for the safe and secure storage of 3,850 tons of chemical agents (approximately 12 percent of the US chemical weapons stockpile). He was also responsible for the operation of the free world's only active binary chemical weapons production plant for 155-millimeter artillery projectiles and the Army's demilitarization facility for Agent BZ.

Since his retirement, Colonel Smith has been a consultant and director for many chemical and biological projects. He is currently a senior chemical demilitarization advisor to a Washington, D.C., demilitarization company. The outstanding and unique contribution Colonel Smith has made in each of his command and staff assignments and the leadership he has provided to the Chemical Corps, the Army, and our Nation clearly merit his selection as a Distinguished Member of the Corps. ●●●

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